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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: AUSTRALIA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Nursery stock, tissue culture, cuttings, budwood, rooted plants, corms and bulbs
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Enhanced regulatory measures to address risks associated with Pepper Ringspot Virus. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 2 For details on the changes to import conditions and the related updates to additional declarations on the phytosanitary certificate, please see: Upcoming changes to manage the risks posed by Pepper ringspot virus on nursery stock https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/ViewElement/Element/Alert?elementPk=2489149 .
6. Description of content: To address risks associated with Pepper ringspot virus, enhanced regulatory measures (country freedom certified on phytosanitary certificate) will be required for nursery stock from the following plant genera: <i>Bidens</i> ; <i>Columnnea</i> ; <i>Gerbera</i> and <i>Pogostemon</i> . From 17 June 2026, permitted species of the host genera listed above imported from countries other than Brazil or South Africa will require new additional declarations on the phytosanitary certificate. Importation of Pepper ringspot virus host genera from Brazil and South Africa (countries where Pepper ringspot virus is known to occur) will be suspended pending a review of the biosecurity risk management measures.
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM 01, ISPM 06, ISPM 08 and ISPM 11

<p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 17 June 2026</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Anticipate late May 2026.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 June 2026</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 27 July 2026</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Tel: +(61) 2 6272 3933 E-mail: sps.contact@aff.gov.au Website: http://www.agriculture.gov.au</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) GPO Box 858 Canberra ACT 2601 Australia Tel: +(61) 2 6272 3933 E-mail: sps.contact@aff.gov.au Website: http://www.agriculture.gov.au</p>